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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James D. DeCamp on January 24, 2003.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Please add the following claim:

E1 2M. An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

Conclusion

3. All claims are allowable. The instant application remains suspended due to a potential interference as stated in paper #22. The above claim was added to facilitate the determination of a potential interference.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Christine J. Saoud, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 305-7519. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 8AM to 2PM. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Gary Kunz, can be reached on (703) 308-4623.

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